Plots of land mentioned at (b) above will need change in land use.

In cases involving allotment not as per land use, steps required as per law are to be taken for change of land use before construction.

Indicating a precise time-frame may be difficult at this stage in view of the administrative decisions involved and legal procedures required to be followed.

Shortage of drinking water In R.K, Puram

4713. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

whether there is major shortage of drinking water in R.K. Puram, particularly Sector-8, New Delhi;

if so, the reasons therefor;

whether water harvesting, water recycling and management scheme in all buildings was to be resorted to reduce the fresh water consumption by atleast 50 per cent within five years from 19th July, 2004; and

if so, the number of buildings where water harvesting, water recycling and management schemes has been resorted to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) The total water demand particularly in Sector-8, R.K. Puram, New Delhi is approximately 2 lakh gallons per day while Delhi Jal Board is supplying about 1.6 lakh gallons per day. This marginal shortage is taken cognizance of by CPWD.

(c) Reduction of fresh water consumption is not resorted to by way of water harvesting, recycling and management, as these are conservation measures.

(d) Does not arise.

Use of solar energy In Government buildings

4714. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

whether CPWD was to focus on providing solar energy to reduce the energy consumption per square metre by half compared to the present practice in Government buildings in Delhi and outside Delhi; and

if so, the number of buildings whose designs were changed and solar energy system was installed in Government houses during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Not applicable in view of (a) above.

FUnds lying unspent with State Government

4715. SHRI SANJAY RAUT Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that around 1200 crore of funds were lying as unspent with the State Government under various schemes of the Ministry upto December, 2006;

if so, Government's response and reaction thereto;

the details of the funds allocated for the various urban centric infrastructure and other development schemes since last three years; and

the details of the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to strengthen the monitoring mechanism of the ongoing various schemes both at the Central and the State leveis by emphasizing proper utilization of allocated funds appropriately in a time-bound manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Guidelines to States on property tax

4716. SHRI P.R. RAJAN:Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given any guidelines to the States to speed up recovering the property tax; and